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PRESS RELEASE

**U.S. EMBASSY TO CELEBRATE
STUDENT VISA DAY**

DHAKA, JUNE 23 -- U.S. Embassy Dhaka's Consular Section, in collaboration with the Embassy's EducationUSA student advising center, is organizing 'Student Visa Days' on June 25 and July 9, 2015. Over 700 Bangladeshi students who aspire to pursue higher education studies in the United States are expected to apply for student visas.

'Student Visa Day' will provide an opportunity for students to experience a fun and festive atmosphere to present their application for a visa, attend special sessions from EducationUSA on academics and campus life in the United States, and join a preliminary pre-departure orientation by student advisors. Students may also have an opportunity to meet U.S. Ambassador Marcia Bernicat who is planning to visit the Consular Section during the event.

Student applicants are welcome to apply and schedule an interview on either 'Student Visa Day.' However, students continuing their studies in the United States who are need to renew their visas may find that they qualify for the interview waiver or 'Drop Box' process. The 'Drop Box' eligibility criteria are available at <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/bd> under the "**Renew My Visa**" checklist.

Please note that the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently experiencing technical problems with its global visa issuance systems. This issue is not specific to any particular country or visa category. The Department of State is working urgently to correct the problem and restore full operability. Although the Consular Section is still unable to process visas completely, Consular Officers will be interviewing applicants and adjudicating visas to be ready for issuance as soon as the visa issuance system is fully restored. The Department of State continues to post regular updates on www.travel.state.gov

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